



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ASTATKE *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/608,066

Filed: June 30, 2000

For: **Compositions and Methods for  
Enhanced Sensitivity and  
Specificity of Nucleic Acid  
Synthesis**

Confirmation No.: 1120

Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Chakrabarti, Arun K.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4990001/BJD/SAC

**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended one month from February 5, 2004 to March 5, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

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Respectfully submitted,

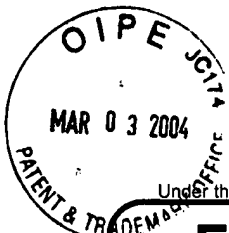
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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>for FY 2004</b>		Application Number	09/608,066
<small>Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</small>		Filing Date	June 30, 2000
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		First Named Inventor	Mekbib ASTATKE
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b> (\$) 110.00		Examiner Name	Chakrabarti, Arun K.
		Art Unit	1634
		Attorney Docket No.	0942.4990001/BJD/SAC

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**FEE CALCULATION** (continued)

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b>					<b>110.00</b>

**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>0.00</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims: 20 \*\*= 20 X    =   

Independent Claims: 3 \*\*= 3 X    =   

Multiple Dependent:    =   

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					<b>0.00</b>

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>		<small>(Complete if applicable)</small>	
Name (Print/Type)	Brian J. Del Buono	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	42,473
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		Date	March 3, 2004

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